

3 o'clock P. M.

Senate met. Roll called, no quorum, whereupon the Senators adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, February 4, 1863

Senate met, roll called, quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain.

The President announced several vacancies in the offices in the Senate, whereupon an election to fill the vacancies was had.

The President announced that nominations for the office of 1st Assistant Secretary were in order, whereupon Mr. Guinn nominated Mr. N. C. Raymond. There being no other nomination, Messrs. Guinn and Casey were appointed tellers who upon counting the ballot announced it as follows: Mr. Raymond 21 votes, and one vote blank, whereupon Mr. Raymond was declared constitutionally elected.

For Sergeant-at-Arms Mr. Moore of Bastrop nominated Mr. R. H. Clements. There being no other nomination, Mr. Clements received twenty-one votes and one vote blank. Mr. Clements was therefore elected.

Nominations for Enrolling Clerk were then made by Mr. Dickson of P. Priestly, by Mr. Cook of W. M. Gilleland. The ballot being counted Mr. Priestly had 9 votes; Mr. Gilleland, 13 votes and one vote blank. Mr. Gilleland was therefore elected.

For Engrossing Clerk Mr. Harcourt nominated Henry Thomas; Mr. Shepard, Duval Beale. Mr. Lea nominated Mr. T. D. Moseley. The first ballot resulted as follows: Mr. Thomas 11 votes, Mr. Beale six votes, and Mr. Moseley 5 votes. There being no election, a second ballot was had with the following result: Mr. Thomas 15 votes, Mr. Moseley 6 votes, and Mr. Beale 2 votes. Mr. Thomas having received a majority was elected. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Clements were then sworn into office.

Mr. Dickson moved the appointment of a committee to inform the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate and its readiness to proceed to business. Messrs. Dickson, Casey, and Boyd were appointed to the committee.

The Senate then adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.